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Dear Brethren

Although of a denomination, differing on some points, from that to which you belong; yet, assured of your sympathy with us, & of our common interest in the cause of universal benevolence, we feel no hesitancy whatever, in addressing you by the endearing title of brethren. Since we are children of the same parent, ~~[illegible]~~ by the same blood — renewed by the same Spirit, & commissioned by same Lord, we joyfully hail you, as fellow-workers with us, in the service of our Divine Master. It is has ever been to us, a source of great & unaffected pleasure, to hear that the missionary spirit, in your valuable Seminary, & in others of your faith, is increasing; & when any have gone forth from among you, bearing the glad tidings of truth & mercy to the destitute & perishing, we have always considered it a most delightful privilege to mingle our prayers with yours, at the mercy seat, in their behalf. We would settle it, as a principle, that every candid, devoted, & evangelical minister of Christ, without regard to the peculiar shade of his theological views, is to an important extent, our own property; & that differences of opinion, not affecting the salvation of the soul, should not be allowed to dry up the fountains of mutual sympathy & affection. Nor do we boast an exclusive exercise of the generous & liberal spirit. The same disposition, we are gratified to believe, is reciprocated by many of our

Pedobaptist brethren. Persecution & anathemas, the vile offsprin of bigotry & ignorance, are beginning to be regarded universally, in their true light; as no less hostile to truth & the real interests of the church, than to the peace & well being of society, & to the exercise of the best & most generous feelings of humani And we will hope that the day is near, when these blots upon ~~other~~ should-be unstained escutcheon of our holy religion shall be wiped off, by ~~the~~ uniform expressions of kindness & of fraternal feeling, on the part of the whole body of its votari when the beautiful prediction of the Prophet, "Ephraim shall no longer vex Judah; nor Judah, Ephraim, shall receive a literal & exact fulfilment; when the spread of the gospel, by any evangelical agency, whether by Bingham, in the Sandwich Islands; Gutzlaff in China; or Judson in Burmah, shall be a subject of deep universal, equal & all-absorbing interest. At such a time as the present, when the Macedonian cry is wafted from so many quarters, & so many are evincing the most thrilling anxiety "to know the trut before they die"; when infidelity is growing bold, - "the man of sin" taxing all his resources, & avowedly fitting out "a crusade against the world" - while, over so large a portion of our race, Satan hol unmolested empire, rioting in the misery of his degraded subjects, it is incumbent, if ever, for the anointed sons of the chur to awake from their slumbers, to rally & combine their streng & endeavour to expel from the earth, these fell monsters, & enemies of the human species.

We write you, dear brethren, in behalf of the missionary society of this institution. Our object is to solicit a regular correspondence with you, the general subject of missions. The society embraces ~~about [illegible]~~ nearly ~~the~~ members of the Seminary, upwards 160 in number. Our desire is to obtain such intelligence, in regard to the spiritua wants of the world, as shall awaken in our hearts a warm & judicious missionary zeal; & enable us to arbitrate between the respective & even interfering claims of different portions, of the extensive field upon our personal labour. With this view, we hold correspondence with the similar societies in most institutions in this country & with some in Europe; & should you think proper to accede to our request, we shall be happy to enrol you among the list of our valued correspondents; & will hope that the interchange of views & feelings thus commenced, may be the means of a great & mutual benefit.

Besides the society already mentioned, we have among us, what are called the Eastern & Western associations, consisting respectively of such brethren, as intend, Deo volente, to spend their season of labour in these two interesting portions of our globe. The members of these associations are respectable in number, & their standing is sufficiently indicated by the choice, they have made.

You have, no doubt, learned before this time, that four of our late members, in company with others, set sail, a week or two since for the East. One of them, is to be located on the Aracan coast, among the Mugs— two among the Karens—& one in Siam (Bankok). The last, (Br Dean) will have, for an associate in labour, Dr Bradley, who goes in the same ship with them under an appointment from the A. B. C. F. M. "Behold how good & pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity".

N. B. Please give us early information of your views in regard to the above request. We wish to learn the character of your society —its plan of organization &c. With sentiments of esteem—

Your brethren in the love of Jesus

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